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The Best of Lesbianism, "Sex-ism" and Feminism with ROBIN TYLER

WHERE: Holiday Inn — I-80 at Madison
WHEN: Friday, March 15th
TIME: 7:00 PM Informal social hour with Robin
8:00 PM Performance
TICKETS: $12.00 SACWN member pre-registration
$15.00 at the door, non-member pre-registration
$10.00 sliding scale

NOTE: No food will be served at this event in an effort to maintain affordable ticket prices.

A Lesbian, a feminist and a sense of humor! Who could ask for anything more from a woman? Robin Tyler is all of these, and she is coming to Sacramento Friday, March 15th.

Many of you may be familiar with Robin Tyler through her production of the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival held annually in September. In addition to her performing talents, Robin has been an advocate for the rights of Lesbians and Gay men for several years. As producer of the Main Stage rally at the March on Washington she was honored with the "Award of Distinction" for entertaining over 600,000 Lesbians and Gay men. Robin was also a keynote speaker at the N.O.W. Washington Pro-Choice rally along with Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug, Cybil Shepard and many others.

SACWN, Inc. is very proud to present **an evening of comedy** second to none, and a healthy dose of politics, feminism and "sex-ism" delivered in a way that only Robin Tyler can.

Robin will mingle with our members and friends in the audience from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you have albums you would like her to autograph, please remember to bring a pen with you.

It is time to put aside the heaviness of the world for one evening! Laugh and learn with the most wonderful women in the Sacramento area.

See You There,

The Programs Committee

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

All pre-registered ticket-holders, both members and non-members, will have access to reserved seating. If you would like to sit with friends who are not pre-registered, please be prepared to sit in the non-reserved section. In all fairness to those who accommodate SACWN, Inc. by pre-registering, we can no longer deviate from this policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

A Message From the Steering Committee

Has SACWN touched your life in a positive way? Do you find you look forward to the SACWN dances that are put on every 4 months? Have the SACWN programs featuring Betty Berzon, Marga Gomez, JoAnn Loulan, and Roberta Achtenberg entertained or inspired you? Do you participate in one of the many Special Interest Groups offered by SACWN? Has your business benefited by SACWN's Networking programs? Did you meet your current friends, lover, or significant other through a SACWN activity?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the SACWN Steering Committee would like you to consider giving something back to SACWN by volunteering to help on a SACWN committee. We need your help *now* to continue offering quality services for lesbians. If new volunteers don't come forward, SACWN will be forced to cut back on the activities it provides.

SACWN has restructured to streamline activities, but there is still much work to do. We need people to help with planning picnics, dances, programs and networking events. We need additional writers for the newsletter, volunteers to work at the door and women who can help with marketing and advertising. Do you have a few hours you can spare to help SACWN? Please call Linda Killick at 486-8985 and let her know where you can help. Thanks!

Last month, the SACWN Steering Committee promised we would look to the subscribership to help us make critical decisions regarding issues that will affect the future of SACWN. In this Newsletter we have included a survey asking whether SACWN should invite gay men to SACWN activities, to what extent we should become involved in political activities and whether we should be "out" as a lesbian organization. Please take a minute now and tell us how you feel about these issues. Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return your survey. We value your input and thank you for taking the time to let us know your opinion.

Rosanna Herber
Steering Committee Coordinator

Coming April 19th . . .

Are you interested in promoting your business? The April Networking Program will provide you an excellent opportunity to highlight your business. SACWN will supply a table to display your business materials. You may also conduct a mini-talk on the services you provide, or promote your business by donating a gift certificate for the raffle extravaganza planned during the program. For more information on how you can participate, call Susan Goodrich at 451-9691.

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SACWN MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

March 1991

It's been a year and a half since our last survey! Since then, our membership has grown significantly. We'd like your opinion on some of the important issues that have been raised in the last year.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS TO US. Please take a few minutes and answer the following questions, so that the decisions made in the next few months are reflective of your opinions and needs.

The first two questions address the issue of inviting gay men to events.

1. Would you be in favor of inviting gay men friends to attend SACWN's June dance in honor of Gay Pride Week?

_____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

2. Would you support inviting gay men to the following kinds of events in the future?

a. Programs _____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

b. Dances _____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

c. Picnics _____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

d. Networking Programs _____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

The following two questions deal with the issue of SACWN "coming out" as an organization. Because SACWN is a private corporation, the membership list belongs to the corporation. Therefore, it is confidential and can remain so under all circumstances. It is the Steering Committee's intention to maintain the confidentiality of the membership list at all times.

3. Do you support the use of the word "lesbian" in SACWN's written communication, such as advertisements, stationery, business cards, etc.

_____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

4. Do you support Steering Committee members representing SACWN as a lesbian organization in the media?

_____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

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SACWN MEMBERSHIP SURVEY *(Continued)*

The next three questions address the "political" issue.

5. Should SACWN as an organization become more involved in developing and implementing policy on political issues?

_____ yes _____ no _____ undecided

6. Should SACWN as an organization become more involved in the following political issues?

YES/NO/UNDECIDED

_____ a. endorse/support political candidates

_____ b. support pro-lesbian/gay initiatives and legislation

_____ c. donate money to political campaigns

_____ d. plan joint events with other political organizations (eg. RCDC, CAPPAC)

_____ e. sponsor special candidate forums during election time

_____ f. provide information/education only about political issues

7. If the majority of the membership supports any of the above issues, how should the decision(s) be implemented?

Membership Vote (Majority) - MV
Steering Committee - SC
Vote by Open Forum Audiences - VOF

MV/SC/VOF

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THANK YOU for taking the time to contribute to *your* organization. We will get back to you with results as soon as possible.

DEADLINE: Please return survey by March 31, 1991, in self-addressed stamped envelope provided. (A box will be available at the March event — Robin Tyler — for your questionnaires.)

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Town Council Update

By Rosanna Herber

The Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council met on January 22 to discuss progress on choosing people for the Police Liaison Committee. This committee will meet with the Police Department on a regular basis to convey concerns from the lesbian and gay community. Nine people expressed interest in serving on this committee. A subcommittee will interview the candidates and make recommendations to the Council in March on who should serve on this committee.

Boyce Hinman from Lambda Letters discussed his organization's plans to obtain an 800 number for gays and lesbians to call in their opinions to congressional representatives and senators on pending legislation. This is in the beginning stages and once a number is established, we will share it with you.

Ed Sheriff of Hope House reported his organization is in need of social and medical volunteers for the residents of Hope House. Hope House is a residential home for people with AIDS. Prospective volunteers should contact Judy Dahl at 454-0170.

SACWN currently has two representatives on the Town Council, both of whom are on the SACWN Board. In an effort to incorporate more input from the SACWN membership, the SACWN board is opening one of these positions to interested SACWN members. Below is a description of the qualifications and responsibilities. If you are interested, please send a letter expressing why you would like to be a representative on the Town Council for SACWN and any past experiences that may be relevant. Applications must be postmarked by April 1. Interviews will be conducted by the Steering Committee in April. If you have questions, call Rosanna at 451-1682.

QUALIFICATIONS

1) SACWN member.
2) Good written and verbal communication skills.
3) Willingness to work with the SACWN Steering Committee.
4) Interest in Lesbian and Gay community issues.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1) Attend Town Council meetings as a representative of SACWN.
2) Report to Steering Committee all issues, activities, and motions presented at the Town Council meeting.
3) Provide sufficient information to the Steering Committee to enable them to make decisions regarding outstanding issues, activities or motions.
4) Carry Steering Committee decisions back to the Town Council meetings and vote as decided by the Steering Committee.
5) All communication and decisions at the Town Council meetings will reflect the guidelines of SACWN, Inc.
6) A report will be written and submitted in a timely fashion for publication in the SACWN Newsletter.
7) A term will be 12 months. Each candidate is eligible for no more than 2 consecutive terms.

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SUCCESSFUL SACWNITES

• Three SACWN members have been elected to offices in the River City Democratic Club, a lesbian and gay democratic political action group. **Judy Ludwick,** former editor of the SACWN newsletter, is now the Co-Chair of the club. Judy is also co-editor of the Positive Social Support Newsdigest put out by the Lambda Center. **Mary Smith,** who was the Lesbian Politics SIGS facilitator and past SACWN Newsletter Committee Associate, will be Co-Chair of the Political Action Committee. **Sandy Virago,** was elected to the position of Treasurer. Congratulations women!!

• The popular SACWN golf pro **Dori O'Rourke** has just released her new book *I Found the Golf God!* The book outlines 10 secrets for Golfing Success and shows how these secrets can improve not only your golf game but your everyday living. To get your hands on a freshly printed copy call Dori at 1-800-743-4FUN.

• Once an elementary school teacher in Oklahoma, later a professional painter in Sacramento, SACWN member **Karen Reif** has traded in her paint brushes to take on a new job as Mail Carrier for the Colonial Station Post Office. Good luck on your new job!

Tell us about that successful SACWNite ***you know.*** *Send information to* ***Successful SACWNite, SACWN, P.O. Box 661332, Sacramento, CA 95866.*** *Include her phone number and we will contact her before we print the good news just to make sure it's okay with her. Thank you for helping us recognize our members accomplishments!)*

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--you would like to help your parents plan so that taking care of them and their affairs will be as easy as it can be ... for them AND for you, or

--you wouldn't know a "living" trust from a dead one,

THEN DO NOT MISS THIS SEMINAR!!!

Take advantage of this event. Bring your friends. Nan and her assistant, lawyer Theresa Boschert, will tell you what you need to know--and answer all your questions--about Wills, probate and "death taxes," incompetence, powers of attorney, and "living" trusts, with just our special relationships in mind.

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BACW presents ...

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Saturday, April 6
8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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Mark Your Calendar For May 12th

Did you know this year 44,500 women will die from breast cancer? Several local women's groups are organizing a demonstration on the Capitol from 2 to 4 p.m. to highlight awareness for breast cancer. More information will be included in the next newsletter. If you would like to help with the planning of this event, contact SACWN at 486-8985.

Book Review

Slick By Camarin Grae

Reviewed by Ann Johnson

Slick, a sequel to *Winged Dancer, Paz* and *The Secret in the Bird* among others, is disappointing. Although many of the same characters reappear and many of the same dynamics are still at work, the similarities end there.

Winged Dancer, Grae's first book was significant in my life and still memorable even though I read it several years ago. It was my first exposure (the first of many) to a discussion about how we, as lesbians, use and abuse power in our relationships. I was fascinated and intrigued.

However, I found *Slick* underdeveloped and amateurish, both in plot and characterization. The women in her story were not terribly interesting or sympathetic; perhaps because Grae never allowed us to know them well enough to care about them. The story held few surprises although the potential was there had she developed it further.

Grae has a considerable talent. She has written better books, filling them with women we have loved and stories of such passion, inspiration and idealism that this one was a particular let-down. I sincerely hope she gets her act back together; our community needs her talent as well as her message.

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This month, we'd like to acknowledge all the new facilitators who have come to start new groups or to revive old ones. Thanks to Linda of Self-employed, to Joan of Singles, to Carol of Outdoor Rec, to Snowy of Horsing Around, to Ann, of 2nd Stage Recovery, to Jayne of Camping, to Mary of Environmental, to Pam H. of Women Surviving Breakup and to Pam W. of Softball!!! Wow! Pretty impressive, isn't it? Special Interest Groups really make a difference!

Speaking of making a difference, we want to thank Cheryl who is retiring after a year of hard work in the Singles Group. This is not an easy group to coordinate —people come and go, there's a ton of phone calls and organization and we thank you, Cheryl, for a job well done!

Possible new groups? Gay Catholics, a 5 year plus relationship group, Hispanic group, monthly dining out club, investment group? Call me, with new ideas or if you'd like to be on a list for any of these groups. Facilitators currently needed for the COUPLES GROUP and the COMPUTERS group.

Ellie Zacks, 967-0611
Coordinator

Kathy Mullen
Associate

BRIDGE

Bridge games will be on Fridays at 7 p.m., March 8 and 22. The next lesson is Friday, March 1, also at 7 p.m. Call Joyce, 1-676-4317 for locations. Newcomers welcome.

SINGLES . . . and OTHERS

The Singles group is changing its focus cuz quite frankly, we're tired of losing our members to love. So we're going to just be a social group. We'll meet once a month for house parties or outings. Alumnae, newcomers, interested women — welcome all. Call Joan, 1-795-1336 or Ann, 927-6038.

SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN

Whether you are starting out or thinking of expanding your business, we welcome your input at the next self-employment meeting, March 26 (Tues.) from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come help us plan our participation in the SACWN business fair and express your needs for the group for the coming year — support issues and topic ideas. Call Linda at 441-2039 for more info.

BOOK GROUP

Gretchen, 922-6287.

LATE-BLOOMERS

We're a friendly, supportive group that's always ready to welcome newcomers. While adopting our new lifestyle, we've faced similar issues — like family, friends, dating, etc. Our discussions are lively, honest and usually reassuring. If you're free on March 14 at 7:30 p.m., you're very welcome. Call Mary, 1-677-8901.

RELATIONSHIP ADDICTION

One definition of relationship addiction is, "In spite of ample evidence that something isn't good for us, we can't stop our involvement with it." (Norwood). We are a small group offering support and a safe place as well as 12-step study of relationship addiction. We do discourage partners from participating in the group. Day group forming also. Call Judie, 481-5001.

TOP TEN

Erin Go Bragh and all that jazz. The Top Ten group, for women over 50 and those who appreciate them will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a corn beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 16. If you're interested, call Ariel, 483-9794 or Ann, 443-3638 by March 14 for the time and directions.

DAVIS OVER 30 GROUP

Our group is 10 months old now and has grown to nearly 50 members! Our January Chinese banquet was such a hit we are going to repeat it this month. So . . . once again, stop at your favorite Davis Chinese restaurant on your way to our gathering and pick up a white box of something delectable to share with the group. The date is Saturday, March 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. Call Chris at 758-0879 or Shelley, 753-0470 for location and details.

SCUBA DIVERS

This group will reconvene in the warm season.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

This month's event is kite-flying and a picnic at Ancil Hoffman Park. Meet at the Clubhouse at 11 a.m. on March 23. Coming up April 27, we'll have a bike ride at the American River Parkway. Call Carol, 451-7933.

HORSING AROUND Snowy, 1-272-2095.

SECOND STAGE RECOVERY

Are you no longer new to recovery? Are you frustrated with living in the problem and ready and willing to move into the solution? We are a group of women in recovery. We come from the experience of co-dependency, ACA, Al-Anon, relationship addiction, AA, DA, and OA and have found many commonalities. In Second Stage Recovery, we will meet to support each other in our growth and the ongoing recovery process using 12 step principles. Call Ann, 927-6038 or Kathye, 1-753-4204.

CAMPING — RV AND TENT TRAILERS

A March trip to Coloma is being planned. If you'd like to join us, call Jayne, 921-6642.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Are you interested in becoming more environmentally conscious and responsible? We're forming a new group for SACWN members who wish to learn more about this area and put some ideas into practice. Call Mary, 988-9621.

NEW GROUPS

WOMEN SURVIVING BREAKUP

A new support group is being formed to help one another during a time of stress and grief. It is a chance to share, to release, to give and to get support. There will be tears, there will be laughter and there will be a time to heal. Come join us. Call Pam, 421-6576 for more details.

SOFTBALL

Come on Women! It's almost spring. Time to loosen up our arms and get together for some friendly softball. Let's create a SACWN Intramural League. We need more Women! If you are interested in having a lot of fun in the sun, call Pam at 1-773-5292.

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY and other sensitive jobs

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